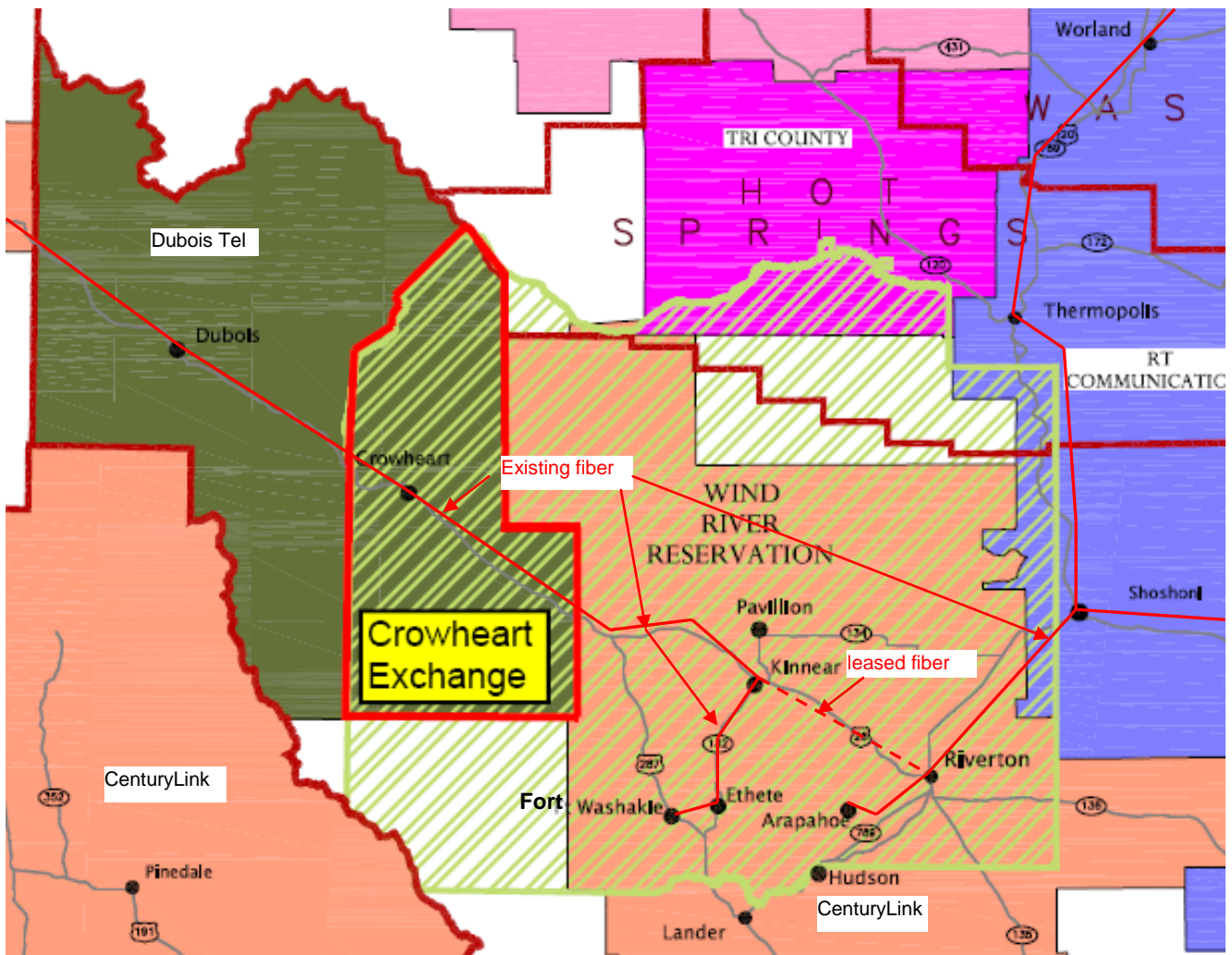


Tribal Engagement Summary

Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc.

Introduction

The Wind River Reservation (*see map below*) is approximately 2.2 million acres in size, and is home to the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes. Reservation Land categories include a mixture of Tribal Trust, Tribal Allotted, Bureau of Reclamation withdrawal/ceded, and deeded or fee lands owned mostly by non-Tribal residents. Each Tribe has a $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided interest in all Tribal Trust Lands. The Reservation is governed by a Joint Business Council (JBC) comprised of individual Business Council members of both Tribes. The JBC works in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in matters of Trust and Fiduciary responsibilities. Any activity affecting Tribal lands within the exterior boundary of the Reservation requires approval and resolution of the JBC; and permitting and approval of the BIA.



Primary Reservation Communities

Fort Washakie. Ft Washakie is home to most Tribal and Federal government entities serving the Reservation, including the Shoshone Business Council (SBC), JBC, BIA, Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinic/Hospital, Ft Washakie School, Tribal DEQ, USFW, Housing Authorities, Law Enforcement, and various Shoshone Tribal enterprises. Ft Washakie is about 7 miles from the Shoshone Tribe's Shoshone Rose Casino.

Ethete. Ethete is home to the Arapaho Business Council, the Wind River Tribal College, Little Wind Casino (Arapaho Tribe), Wind River Indian High School, Ethete Middle School, and various Arapaho Tribal enterprises.

Arapahoe. Arapahoe is home to an IHS clinic/hospital extension, Arapahoe School and various Arapaho Tribal enterprises. Arapahoe is about 5 miles from the Arapaho Tribe's Big Wind Casino. (*note: Arapaho are the "people"; and Arapahoe is the "place".*)

Crowheart. Crowheart serves primarily as a gathering place for rural residents living in the far western part of the Reservation.

The communities of **Kinnear, Pavillion and Riverton** are located on ceded Reservation land. Even though they are located within the exterior boundary of the Reservation, they are not subject to Reservation authority. Riverton (pop est 10,000) is the commercial hub of Fremont County. Many Reservation residents do their shopping in Riverton, seek additional medical attention; and due to a shortage of housing elsewhere on the Reservation, seek housing in Riverton.

Dubois Telephone Exchange Reservation Serving Area

Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc. (DTE) serves the Crowheart Exchange, a small portion of the western part of the Wind River Reservation, (*see map*) The small community of Crowheart is not an incorporated town, but rather a gas station/post office, small grocery store and trading post. Nearby is the small Crowheart Elementary school (enrollment 6), and Big Wind Hall (Eastern Shoshone Tribe), which includes a Senior center, community center and library. Crowheart serves as a community gathering place for area ranches, farms and home sites. Most residents live along Highway 26/287 and rural roads along either side of the highway. The majority of the Reservation in DTE's certificated serving area is undeveloped Tribal Trust Range Lands, forest and wilderness.

DTE serves 109 access lines (88 Res & 21 Bus) in the Crowheart Exchange. This number has remained relatively stable for the last 15 years. There are currently 62 broadband subscribers. The Crowheart Exchange is a mixture of Tribal Trust, Allotted and Deeded (non-Reservation) lands. The population makeup is estimated 40% Native American and 60% non-Native.

The primary anchor institutions important to Tribal residents are the Crowheart Elementary School and the Big Wind Hall. Both locations currently have broadband capabilities to 10mb.

Tribal Engagement Obligations

DTE believes it is important to share our story of successful and ongoing Tribal Engagement. Since 2001, DTE has been regularly engaged in the five fundamental obligations of Tribal engagement as outlined in the FCC USF/ICC Transformational Order (*Needs Assessment and Deployment Planning, Feasibility and Sustainability Planning, Marketing Services in a Culturally Sensitive Manner, Rights of Way and Other Permitting and Review Processes, Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing Requirements*).

Beginning in 2000, DTE started planning construction of middle mile fiber optic facilities, across the Wind River Reservation to the nearest existing fiber facilities owned by the Range Family of companies. The incumbent provider (QWEST-now CenturyLink) had no fiber into Fremont County or the Reservation, nor had they been successful at obtaining right of way across the Reservation. The process from the time of initial contact with Tribal Leaders until the fiber was lit and new services were deployed took almost 5 years. Along the way DTE created (from scratch) and documented basic Tribal Engagement procedures we deemed critical to developing a trust relationship with both Tribes. The processes we learned and still adhere to today track with the FCC announced Tribal Engagement Obligations.

History of Fiber Optic Connectivity, Wind River Reservation

1. In early 2000, Dubois Telephone Exchange (*DTE*) and Advanced Communications Technology (*ACT*) began work on a proposal to build fiber optic facilities from Dubois to RT Communications' (*RT*) Shoshoni Wyoming fiber pop. This project would connect DTE to the existing Range Family Fiber network. DTE, ACT and RT are all affiliate companies of Range Telephone Cooperative; collectively referred to as the **Range Family**.
2. (*Year 2001*). Due to DTE's proximity to the fiber project, the Dubois to Shoshoni fiber project became DTE's responsibility. The original design proposal from Dubois to Shoshoni was to follow the highway to Riverton, then the Rails to Trails route to Shoshoni. Because the project would cross a large part of the Wind River Reservation, Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribal involvement and assistance was needed.
3. DTE suggested (*internally to the Range family of companies*), as an offer to the Tribes for their assistance with right-of-way issues, that a fiber optic spur be constructed to Ft Washakie. Ft Washakie is the central location for most Federal and Tribal agencies. Further, to minimize impact to landowners on the Reservation, impact to cultural resources and spiritual sites; and reduce right-of-way costs, placement of the fiber should occur within established road rights-of-way and pipeline, power or other established, previously disturbed right-of-way. The location of the fiber optic cable should not interfere with the landowner's use of his/her land.

After the internal decision was made to offer the building of a fiber optic spur to Ft. Washakie, Scott Ratliff (*Eastern Shoshone Tribal member and former State Legislator*) contacted DTE. Scott had heard about this project and wanted to make sure the Reservation was part of the DTE upgrade. Because the incumbent provider serving the majority of the Reservation was not upgrading any facilities, Scott saw this as an opportunity to bring advanced services to the Reservation. Even though DTE only serves a small part of the Reservation, we indicated that as a corporation we had already (*internally*) committed to building a fiber optic spur to Ft Washakie, and would start meeting with Tribal representatives in the near future.

4. DTE began a series of introductory visits with Tribal groups and officials about the project in March 2001. Berthinia Crocker (*Arapaho Tribal Attorney*) provided a list of names to contact to begin the process.
 - The first visit was with Arapaho Tribal Planning representatives Mike Lawson and Pat Moss. They indicated that the fiber spur to Ft. Washakie was a start, but it didn't do the Arapaho Tribe much good. DTE asked what we could do for the Arapaho Tribe, and a suggestion was made to build a fiber from Riverton to the Arapahoe area.
 - We then met with Ed Meeks (*Shoshone & Arapaho Joint Tribal Planner*), Scott Ratliff, Pete Calhoun, Cathy Keene, Pat Bergie and others at a meeting of the Shoshone Tribal Economic development folks. The primary outcome of this first meeting was that a fiber spur from Diversion Dam to Ft Washakie would only serve Ft Washakie, and that I should consider other routes that would benefit more Tribal entities and members.
 - After the formal meeting, Ed Meeks began the process of educating DTE about the intricacies of Tribal politics and asking the hard questions on behalf of both Tribes.
 - As we met with more and more Tribal representatives interested in the project, detailed notes were taken regarding telecommunications needs and concerns on the Reservation. DTE received input from representatives of both Tribes, as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs (*BIA*).

TRIBAL COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES, NEEDS, CONCERNS

Communities of Interest

- Arapahoe, Crowheart, Ethete, Fort Washakie, St Stephens

Telecommunications Issues

- Long Distance, Poor Local Service, Special Services, No Broadband
- Reservation-wide calling or Extended Area Service (EAS)

Government

- Arapaho Tribal Affairs, Shoshone Tribal Affairs, Joint Tribal Affairs
- Indian Health Services (IHS) Ft Washakie, Arapahoe
- Law Enforcement & the Courts, Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Schools

- Arapahoe, Ethete, Ft Washakie, Wyoming Indian, Wind River Day School
- St Stephens, Crowheart, Wind River Tribal College

Services

- Economic Development, Job Training/Placement, Social Services
- Community Centers, Senior Centers

Initiatives

- Tribal Telecommunications Company
 - Tribal Wireless Communications Company
 - Telemedicine & Distance Learning
 - Tribal Gaming Opportunities
 - Tribal based Community College
 - Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries (NATI)
 - NEW`E Development Corporation
 - Shoshone Information Technology Co. (SITCO)
 - Large multi-cultural Center & Museum
 - Business Park with Office Space
 - Banking Institutions
 - Tourist Facilities
 - Motel/Convention Center Complex
 - Hot Springs Development
 - Tech Center
 - Shoshone Tribe Internet Service (washakie.net)
 - Arapaho Tribe Internet Service (northernarapaho.com)
 - Customer Service & Fulfillment Center (Call Center)
 - E-Commerce Cooperative
 - Wind power electrical generation opportunities
 - Railroad/Railhead Redevelopment
- It became readily apparent that DTE could not solve every single telecommunications issue on the Reservation, particularly local service issues, since we were not the incumbent provider. Tribal representatives were urged to concentrate on fiber optic backbone routes and alternative routes that addressed centers of government, education, health care, social services and economic development potential.
5. (*Summer 2001*) After a series of meetings with much input as to where the primary fiber route should go, DTE agreed to change the original design in order to build the main fiber optic route, between Shoshoni and Dubois, through the heart of the Reservation, which would meet a majority of government and institutional concerns.

6. DTE started the process of signature gathering for Allotment consent forms. The BIA process requires that consent forms must be hand delivered or sent, certified mail, to all landowners or heirs of record, for every allotment crossed. In some cases a single allotment could have as many as 400 or more owners/heirs of record. DTE was advised that it would never be able to gather all the signatures without help. DTE used the services of Mowery Seismograph, who in turn employed Tribal members to assist in the process. DTE and Tribal planners also requested (*and received*) a joint letter of support from both Tribal Business Council Chairs, asking for landowner cooperation in this project. The joint letter of support was included with every consent form mailed or hand-delivered.
7. Over the course of continuing meetings, DTE learned of Tribal concerns and issues with the Rails to Trails route from Riverton to Shoshoni. Attorneys for both Tribes (*John Schumaker and Berthinia Crocker*) advised DTE to avoid the Rails to Trails route. We asked for Tribal recommendations for an alternative route, and the recommendation was made to route near an old existing pipeline right-of-way from Riverton to Shoshoni. We agreed. Tribal elders were asked to review the route to assure cultural and spiritual compatibility. Confidential information was shared with DTE about potential locations of new construction and additional projects. After careful evaluation, DTE changed the design to add increased fiber sizes and additional spare duct, trying to anticipate future Reservation needs.
8. As the consent form process progressed, DTE began offering infrastructure consulting and construction assistance to Tribal communications initiatives. We helped Ramona Morgan (*Eastern Shoshone Tribe*) with an interbuilding fiber/telephone project; we helped Mylan Glenmore (*BIA IT support*) with an interim solution to network needs for Roads, Maintenance, Forestry and Tribal Police. We continued to help Arapahoe School with their campus fiber facilities. We participated in numerous fundraisings, including sending the Northern Arapaho Dancers to the 2002 Utah Winter Olympics. We invited Blue Sky E Solutions technology group (*Adam Lawson*) to Dubois to meet and work with area businesses. We made a commitment to Wes Martel (*Shoshone Business Councilman*) to insure that technical requirements will be met for an upcoming Shoshone technology venture. We visited with KWRR (*Tribal Public Radio*) folks, the Tribal College folks, Cathy Keene (*IHS*), Wyoming Indian and Arapahoe Schools, and listened to how fiber will help them. We talked about training and employment opportunities for Tribal ventures once they are able to connect to the fiber. Everyone was supportive and excited.
9. (*Spring 2002*) During one of the update meetings with the Arapaho Business Council and a subsequent meeting with Mike Lawson, Pat Moss and Ed Meeks, DTE was asked to re-evaluate the fiber route between Ethete and Arapahoe. The preferred route was mostly undeveloped Tribal Trust land north of scattered housing along the 17-mile road corridor. DTE was asked to consider changing the route to 17-mile road. After discussion about timelines for road reconstruction and utility corridor possibilities, DTE agreed to alter the design so that 17 mile was part of the main route. We also had discussions about what happens if 17 mile road reconstruction is delayed and what DTE will have to do to still get Fiber working on the Reservation. Our interim option (*if needed*) was to try and lease QWEST fiber (*Riverton to Kinneer*).
10. As the consent form process neared completion, the BIA informed DTE that right of way fees would be based on federal appraisals for both Tribal and Allotted lands. Due to increasing costs of the project, DTE approached the Joint Business Council about waiving Tribal right of way fees only. Tribal right of way fees were not waived, and DTE was invoiced for and paid \$126,350 for Tribal and Allotted r/w takings.
11. The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) was lead cultural resource entity for all non-Tribal lands. The Tribal Historical Preservation Office (THPO) was the lead cultural resource entity for Tribal and allotted lands. Additionally, DTE was required to have Tribal elders review the construction route and/or be on site for culturally sensitive areas near the route.

12. A Joint Business Council resolution supporting the project was granted on December 30, 2002. Pending final appraisals, required consent forms and paperwork completion (*by the BIA*), the first of 4 permits to construct were issued in early Aug 2004; Actual construction started at Dubois in July 2004. Construction was shut down in Nov and resumed in the Spring of 2005, when the remaining permits were finally granted.

13. Once the fiber construction started, DTE and ACT helped fund a \$30,000 engineering study for use by Tribal technology groups to assist them in building Tribal owned fiber infrastructure and interconnects from the main fiber backbone to key institutional locations on the Reservation. With the study as a design basis, DTE supported a preliminary joint Tribal Technology group (*WREN or Wind River Enterprise Networks*) effort to secure a Wyoming Business Ready Community Grant through the Wyoming Business Council (*WBC*). According to the WBC, the application did not have an adequate business plan. Further, the building of fiber optic interconnects by WREN faced the same right of way requirements as the DTE fiber project. WREN later became AraShoNet. Due to the difficulties involving r/w, AraShoNet chose to deploy a wireless broadband solution. Due to Tribal politics and underfunding, the venture was short-lived.

14. (*2004/2005/2006*) With the 17-mile road reconstruction stalled and DTE under pressure to get Fiber infrastructure working in the heart of the Reservation and in Dubois & Crowheart, DTE & ACT pursued a fiber lease between Riverton and Kinnear. By leasing Qwest (*incumbent provider*) fiber, we would be able to light the fiber at Ethete and Ft Washakie. Also, the fiber for Arapahoe could be lit from Riverton. DTE & ACT encountered some difficulty working with the incumbent provider. After a meeting with the Governor of Wyoming in Feb 2005, discussing how lack of a fiber lease would affect the Tribes and their communications needs, DTE & ACT were able to secure facilities from the incumbent provider that would benefit the Reservation. By December of 2005, fiber infrastructure, buildings and equipment were installed, tested and available for service in most key locations on the Reservation. By early 2006, the first lit fiber optic services were delivered to Minerals Management, Joint Business Council Complex, Shoshone Business Council offices, Tribal Community College, Arapaho Business Council offices and the Arapahoe School.

15. **Primary Contacts during Reservation Fiber Optic Project 2001 through 2006**
 Eastern Shoshone Business Council, Ivan Posey, Chairman
 Northern Arapaho Business Council, Richard Brannon, Chairman
 Gary Collins, Arapaho Tribal Liaison, WY Governor's Office
 Eddie Wadda, Shoshone Tribal Liaison, WY Governor's Office
 Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Ray Nations, Acting Supt.
 - Audrey Underwood, Realty
 - Letitia Black, Realty
 Ed Meeks (Shoshone Tribal Planner & Joint Tribal Planner)
 Mike Lawson (Arapaho Planner)
 Pat Moss (Arapaho Planner)
 Scott Ratliff (Senator Mike Enzi office, Tribal Liaison, Shoshone Tribal Member)
 Barbara Sage (Retired BIA Crowheart)
 Cathy Keene (IHS)
 Sara Robinson (NEWE)
 Lisa Wagner (NEWE & Wind River Development Fund)
 Melvin "Pete" Calhoun (Shoshone Economic Development, Crowheart)
 Will O'Neal (Crowheart)
 Ralphaelita Stump (Shoshone Elder)
 Orville St. Clair (Wind River Tax Commission)
 Pat Bergie (Shoshone Economic Development, Ft Washakie)
 Eugene Ridgley (Tribal College Ethete)
 Gail Ridgley (Tribal College Ethete)
 Patrick Adam Lawson (IT Specialist Ethete)

Ramona Morgan (IT Specialist Ft Washakie)
Steve Poitras (NRCS Ft Washakie)
Howard Brown (Arapaho Economic Development)
Jim Large (TERO)
Leon Tillman (TERO)
Francine Shakespeare (TERO)

Contacts (cont)

Jim Shakespeare (Arapaho Tribal entrepreneur)
Rep. Patrick Goggles (State Representative & Arapaho Tribal Member)
Frances Haas (Sky People Higher Ed Ethete)
Andy Baldwin (Arapaho Tribal Attorney)
Berthenia Crocker (Arapaho Tribal Attorney)
John Schumaker (Shoshone Tribal Attorney)

16. DTE and the Range family committed to bringing working fiber optic infrastructure to the heart of the Wind River Reservation. Every commitment by DTE and the Range Family of companies is a matter of record and can be verified by review of Joint Business Council minutes and separate Arapaho and Shoshone Business Council minutes. Additionally, numerous letters of correspondence from 2001 through 2006, between Tribal Leaders, Planners and other Entities, and DTE, is available for review.
17. The original cost estimate for the first design proposal (*Dubois to Riverton to Shoshoni, and a spur to Ft Washakie*) was \$4.4 million. The final cost of the project when completed was \$5.9 million. This represents an increased investment of \$1.5 million over the original project estimate, to address Tribal needs and concerns.

Tribal Engagement Obligations Ongoing (2006 to 2012)

Since the Fiber optic infrastructure was lit in 2006, DTE, ACT (*Range Family CLEC*) have continued working with both Tribes to bring additional entities on line. A summary of key institutions and locations to date that have fiber optic connectivity and broadband service or have services (*pending*) include:

Fort Washakie

- Joint Tribal Minerals Management
- Joint Business Council Headquarters
- Shoshone Business Council Headquarters
- Shoshone Tribal Credit Union
- Frank B Wise Entrepreneurial Center
 - Wind River Development Fund
 - Shoshone Tribal Attorney General
 - UWyo outreach
- IHS Headquarters/Hospital (construction pending early 2013)
- BIA Headquarters (pending)
- BIA Law Enforcement (pending)
- Ft Washakie School/Library

Ethete

- Little Wind Casino
- Wind River Tribal college
- Arapaho Business Council Headquarters
- Wind River Indian High School
- Ethete Middle School

Arapahoe

- Arapahoe School
- IHS Hospital/Clinic extension (construction pending early 2013)
- Arapaho Tribal Services (pending completion of Tribal provided fiber optic facility)
- St Stephens High School (pending funding for fiber distribution into location)
- NATI (Northern Arapaho Tribal Industries)

Crowheart

- Big Wind Hall/Community Center & Library (construction pending early 2013)
- Crowheart Elementary School (construction pending early 2013)

Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc (DTE) Tribal Engagement Record, 2012

Even though DTE's certificated serving area covers only the far western part of the Wind River Indian Reservation, DTE made a commitment during the fiber project through the Reservation, to assist both Tribes when they have communications questions anywhere on the Reservation. DTE's General Manager routinely visits with Tribal Leaders and the BIA who request meetings to talk about communications issues; or via casual drop-in visits when traveling through the Reservation. DTE serves as primary Tribal contact when working with ACT to provide telecommunications and broadband services to Tribal Entities outside DTE's Reservation serving area.

2012 Highlights

1. Work with BIA Letitia Black, Realty & Ed Lonefight, BIA Superintendent.
 - Starting mid-January 2012 to clarify language in existing DTE right of way permits allowing for the leasing of facilities to other qualified telecommunications providers.
 - DTE worked to have this language included in our permits so that if other providers wanted to lease facilities, they would need to comply with applicable Federal and Tribal statutes.
 - They also would be required to introduce themselves to the Shoshone and Arapaho Business Councils; therefore giving the Reservation other communication provider service or partnership opportunities.
 - Tribal attorneys were contacted (Steven Campbell, Asst. Shoshone Attorney General & Berthinia Crocker, Arapaho Attorney).
 - TERO compliance with contracts clarified.
2. June 20, 2012. Testify before Wyoming Legislature Select Committee Tribal Relations, Ethete, WY State of Broadband Connectivity on the Reservation. **Key Tribal contacts and visits during the day included:**
 - Marlin Spoonhunter, President Wind River Tribal College
 - Orville St. Clair, member Eastern Shoshone Business Council
 - Brett White, Executive Director, Wind River Development Fund
 - Gary Collins, Northern Arapaho Tribal Liaison, Governor's Office, State of Wyoming
 - Starr Weed, Eastern Shoshone Elder
3. August 10, 2012. Received a call from Vernon Hill (*former Eastern Shoshone Business Council Member*) for assistance and advice on wiring and fiber connectivity for new Business Council Building Extension & Credit Union.
 - Meeting lasted about 2 hours.
 - Had the opportunity to informally visit with three current members of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council: Ivan Posey, chairman, Mike Lajeunesse, member, Robert Hereford, member.
 - Went to Wind River Development (*Frank Wise Entrepreneurial Center*) to visit with Brett White, Director and discuss various Tribal technical opportunities being considering.

4. August 17, 2012. Had a scheduled meeting with Ethete Middle School IT dept.
 - On the way, stopped at Crowheart Community Center/Sr Center/Library (*Big Wind Hall*) and assisted center with some computer and wireless issues.
 - Approached in Ft Washakie by David Snyder, Eastern Shoshone Tribe Procurement Officer about Residential broadband.
 - Indicated that we were working with two Tribal Entrepreneurs to assist their efforts to provide last mile broadband to Reservation residents.
 - Then met with Mike Steinbronn, IT [in Ethete] to go over broadband needs and construction requirements at Ethete Middle School.
 - Stopped at Ft Washakie School/Library/computer center to update with John Washakie (*former Eastern Shoshone Tribal Co-Chairman*).
5. Aug 31, 2012. Met with Wade LeBeau (*Eastern Shoshone Tribal Entrepreneur*) at Frank Wise Center to discuss his latest efforts to deliver broadband to residential subscribers.
 - I indicated I would work with ACT on delivery options, as well as speak to Wind River Development Fund on his behalf to secure leased IT space.
 - Also met with Steve Campbell, Asst Eastern Shoshone Attorney General to provide updates.
6. September 6, 2012. Visit to Crowheart Community Center (*Big Wind Hall*)
 - Had lunch with Pete Calhoun, Eastern Shoshone Tribal member, and board member of the Wind River Development Fund.
 - Discussed Wade LeBeau's efforts to lease space at the Frank Wise building.
 - Also discussed Pete and his son Darren's request for broadband in the Wind River Canyon, to enhance their Tribal rafting & fishing business offerings.

The other reason for the visit was to address needs for a National Forest Incident Command Post (ICP) location at the Hall, to fight the Alpine Fire.

- DTE could provide up to one 10 mb broadband connection and 7 voice lines using a digital carrier system. Forest Service indicated that was adequate for now.
 - The BIA and JBC were contacted for emergency authorization to plow fiber to the community center in case more services were needed. Existing service was via an aging 6 pair copper cable.
 - The JBC granted joint resolution to proceed and BIA tentatively agreed. BIA then cancelled their approval and indicated that DTE would need to follow normal right of way procedures. Since fiber was an upgrade over copper, a new permit was required.
 - Permission to survey was granted. Fortunately, the fire did not grow as big as was projected, and the ICP demobilized several weeks later.
 - The BIA and Tribes, urged DTE to still move ahead with the new fiber permit, so that the Community Center had advanced communications facilities to address future needs.
 - (Update, December 10, 2012) The final consent forms are signed, DTE is just awaiting categorical exclusion determination from Billings BIA office, then permit will be issued. Construction will begin spring 2013 when conditions allow.
7. September 17, 2012. Clint Wagon, Current Eastern Shoshone Tribal Planner, called to visit more about wiring needs in the new Eastern Shoshone Business Council/Credit Union building.
 - He appreciated recommendations, and will hire a Tribal entity to do the work.
 - We visited at length about several other projects he would like help and advice on in 2013.

8. December 6, 2012. Asked to testify before final meeting of 2012 Wyoming Legislature Select Committee Tribal Relations, Ft Washakie, WY. State of Broadband Connectivity on the Reservation.

- Provided an update on key Tribal locations that now had fiber optic connectivity, and those locations where connectivity was pending.
- Also mentioned mentoring/cooperative opportunities with Tribal entrepreneurs to deliver last mile broadband to Tribal residents.
- Introduced Becky Dooley, VP & GM RT Communications to Tribal Leaders.
- A meeting with the Northern Arapaho Chairman, Jim Shakespeare was cancelled later in the day, due to the Chairman's other obligations.

Key Tribal contacts and visits during the day included:

- Wes Martel, Vice Chairman, Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- Harvey Spoonhunter (former Northern Arapaho Council member) current Homeland Security Tribal representative
- Gary Collins, Northern Arapaho Tribal Liaison, Governor's Office, State of Wyoming
- Representative Patrick Goggles (Northern Arapaho Tribal member) and member Wyoming Legislature
- Cathy Keene, Director Eastern Shoshone Tribal Health
- Richard Brannon, Director Indian Health Service
- Robert Hereford, member Eastern Shoshone Business Council
- Allison Sage, member Northern Arapaho Tribe, Social Worker and Instructor, Wind River Tribal College
- Ralphaella Stump, Eastern Shoshone Planning Dept
- Ralphaelita Stump, Eastern Shoshone Elder: visit about new cultural center.

9. 2012 TERO ACTIVITY

- DTE sent 5 employees to a TERO sponsored Cultural Awareness Training in October
- TERO Business License current: Lic #2012-121(copy attached)

10. Misc 2012 Activity

- Attendance/participation: Annual Wind River Native American Business Expo
- Powwow Sponsorships/Attendance
- Honoring Ceremonies and Memorials

Summary

The expansion of fiber optic connectivity, beyond DTE's serving area, and across the Wind River Reservation, to the Range Family fiber network necessitated broader participation and dialogue with the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes. Building trust with the Tribes is a slow and deliberate process. Tribal engagement is a necessary and ongoing process to maintain that trust. In summary, working with the Tribes has created a win-win, for the Reservation, for DTE and for the Range Family of companies.



SHOSHONE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514



Business License

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Authorized period: **JANUARY 1, 2012** to **DECEMBER 31, 2012**


Shoshone Tribe
Chairman


Arapaho Tribe
Chairman